

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Support for the amendment to claim 14 is found on page 17, lines 19-22 of the specification. No new matter would be added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-20 will remain active in this application with Claims 1-8 and 10-20 being under active consideration.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

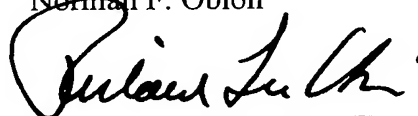
The claimed invention is directed to a hair cosmetic composition.

Applicants' amendment of May 15, 2008 erroneously referred to the filing dates of PGPUB US 2004/0156815 and PGPUB US 2004/0157984 as December 2, 2003. The U.S. filing dates of U.S. '815 and U.S. '984 are each December 24, 2003. As applicants' priority date is **before** the U.S. filing dates of each of U.S. '815 and U.S. '984, neither reference is believed to be available as prior art against the claimed invention.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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